

GIRLS TAKE CHARGE

The Girls Take Charge project builds on the Explorathon experience, an AAUW career exploration for 4th and 5th girls. Girls Take Charge increases Explorathon participants leadership and communications skills with a math and science emphasis. These skills will help the girls determine and develop their future careers.

**Partnering with Kellogg Community College (KCC), we provided four sessions with math/science focus. The first Girls Take Charge workshop focused on teamwork. The second workshop focused on creating and innovating, and during the third workshop participants created a product. They recorded measurements and ratios as well as documented how the creation was put together (a lab-type report). The fourth workshop focused on effective communications and presentation issues. The girls developed marketing materials to present their projects. Presenting and coaching reinforce and build communication skills.
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Dear Explorathon Attendee:

On behalf of American Association of University Women (AAUW) we write to invite you to join us in an exciting new project, Girls Take Charge. This project is a follow up to the Explorathon that you participated in last March. We're happy that you participated in Explorathon 2006 and hope that it was fun and worthwhile for you. Now, we want to offer you the opportunity to build on your Explorathon experience and help increase your leadership and communications skills. These skills will help you determine and develop your future career.

The American Association of University Women is partnering with Kellogg Community College (KCC) to provide four sessions with a math/science emphasis that will teach teamwork, leadership, planning, creating, and communication skills. After completing these sessions, you will be eligible to serve on the Explorathon Girl's Advisory Board, which will assist in next year's Explorathon in March 2007.

The Girls Take Charge sessions will have four workshops:

- The first workshop on October 19th will begin with the focus on teamwork, leading for the good of the effort and preparing for the work in food discovery.
- The November 2nd workshop will focus on creating and innovating with an emphasis on math, science and technology to highlight how it relates to our world. Dawn McCorkle from the Kellogg Corporation will lead the session. You might recall that she was our keynote speaker at the Explorathon. This session is titled is *Flavor and Texture*.
- The third workshop will be on November 30th. During this session you will create a food/new product from a variety of items. You'll record measurements and ratios as well as document how your creation was put together (a lab-type report). You'll get the chance to taste and vote for the best based on a ballot that will include a) aroma b) appearance, c) texture, d) flavor and e) overall liking.
- During the February 1st workshop, the focus is on effective communications and interpersonal communicating. Presenting and

coaching will reinforce and build your communication skills.

- On March 1st, if you choose to participate in the Explorathon on March 10, we'll meet to get ready, help set up and prepare for your presentation at the Explorathon. This could include what you did during the Girls Take Charge project. Also, you'll get to decide on which tasks you'd like to do on the day of the Explorathon, such as introduce speakers, or help other girls and parents find their way, etc.
- The Explorathon will be on March 10. Our Explorathon reception is on March 9.

The complete schedule with times and locations for all the events is attached.

There is \$10.00 registration fee for you to participant in the project. Scholarships are available upon request. Space is limited, so we encourage you to send your completed registration form and check to us now. Your registration must be received by October 5, 2006.

We hope to see you soon in the Girls Take Charge project. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

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Dear Mariah:

We're very pleased that you want to be part of the Girls Take Charge project. You are now registered for the project. We hope you're as excited about participating in Girls Take Charge as we are in making this special new program available to you. We consider it a privilege to have this opportunity to join with you in developing leadership and communications skills with a focus in science and math. We ask that you make the effort to fully participate, enjoy yourself and attend all the sessions, if possible.

A short recap of where we meet is below and a map is attached of Kellogg Community College's campus. Our sessions are close to each other on the campus. Finding parking should be not too difficult near our meeting sites. Entry from Fremont Street might make it easier to find a parking space.

October 19, KCC, Davidson Building Room 107
November 2, KCC, Lane Thomas Building, Room 315
November 30, KCC, Lane Thomas Building, Room 315
February 1, KCC, Davidson Building, Room 107

March 1 (optional), KCC, Davidson Building, Room 202
March 9, (optional), Women's League, 286 Capital Avenue NE
March 10, (optional), KCC, Binda Theatre

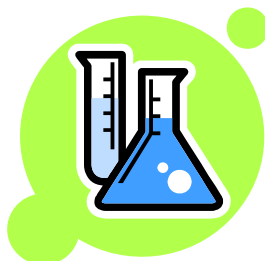
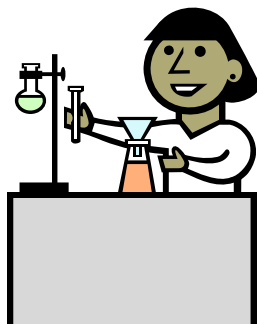
Before the start of each session, we'll have some light refreshments for you, so plan to arrive a few minutes early and join us for a snack. We will finish the refreshments before the actual session begins. Also, for the person who brings you to the sessions, we will have coffee and water set up in the lobby of the Davidson Building. This is a comfortable lounge area, which also has an art exhibit for viewing. She/he is very welcome to bring a book or just relax in the lounge area if she/he wishes to wait for you until the session ends.

Again, welcome and get ready to take charge! Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Don't forget to bring a pencil or pen and some paper.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

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Schedule

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in partnership with Kellogg Community College.*

DATE	WORKSHOPS AND WORK TO DO	PLACE	NOTES
Thursday October 19, 2006 3:30 to 5:00 pm	Introduction to the program Leadership/teamwork Prep for working in teams in food discovery	Kellogg Community College (KCC) Davidson 107	Focus on teamwork, roles of team members, leading for the good of the effort.
Thursday November 2, 2006 3:30 to 5:30 pm	Creating/innovating Part 1 Food discovery <i>Flavor and Texture</i>	Kellogg Community College (KCC) Lane Thomas	Focus on math, science, technology and how it relates to your world NOW.
Thursday November 30, 2006 3:30 to 5:30 pm	Creating/innovating Part 2 Food discovery <i>Flavor and Texture</i>	Kellogg Community College (KCC) Lane Thomas	Create food from a variety of items, record measurements and ratios as well as how the creation was put together. You will taste and vote on your products.
Thursday February 1, 2007 3:30 to 5:30 pm	Interpersonal communicating, presenting and coaching for presentations	Kellogg Community College (KCC) Davidson 107	Focus on effective communications and the manner in which presentation (self and artifact) is powerful.
Thursday March 1, 2007 3:30 to 5:30 pm (optional)	Prepare for Explorathon	KCC Davidson Theatre Rm. 202	Get ready, help set up and prepare for the Explorathon.
Friday March 9, 2007 5:30 to 7:00 pm (optional)	Reception for Explorathon and Girls Take Charge teams, presenters & AAUW members	Women's League 286 Capital Ave. NE	Enjoy a social event & reception, meet Explorathon presenters and AAUW members.
Saturday March 10, 2007 (optional)	Participate in Explorathon	KCC Binda Theatre	Be part of the Explorathon's Girls Advisory Committee to help make it happen.